

ABOUT THE STATE

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST FROM DIFFERENT SECTIONS

A war relief box, containing sweaters, house dresses, men's mackinaws and long coats and also women's coats, was shipped Monday from Brattleboro to the general headquarters of the war relief committee. About \$200 of the amount collected in Brattleboro was thus spent in clothing, and the remainder was sent in cash.

Pomona Grange at Plainfield.

The following is the program for the Winoski Valley Pomona grange meeting to be held in Plainfield Saturday, Jan. 22:

Morning session, 11 o'clock—Music, grange choir; opening of grange in fifth degree; conferring fifth degree; reports of committees and routine business; music, grange choir; recess; lunch.

Afternoon session, 1:45 o'clock—Music, grange choir; address of welcome, master of Ivy grange; response, master of Pomona grange; music, Woodbury grange; address, Mrs. J. Burdon Estor; Montpelier; music, Calais grange; address, Capital City grange; music, Albert grange; discussion, "The distribution of food products of New England and what can the grange do in the way of cooperation in buying and selling?"

Speakers, C. O. Ormsbee, Capital City grange; Charles Cady, Woodbury grange; George Balentine, Calais grange; E. H. Saxby, Albert grange; C. A. Badger, East Montpelier grange; F. L. Farnham, Ivy grange; music, L. Montpelier grange; music, Ivy grange; remarks for the good of the order; song, "America."

The afternoon session will be open to the public. Everybody cordially invited.

Da Vinci's Career.

Leonardo da Vinci was a great Italian painter and sculptor, architect and civil and military engineer, a scientific inventor and a man of universal genius. He was born in Vinci, near Florence, in 1452. Two of his earlier productions are still extant—"The Adoration of the Magi," in the gallery of the Uffizi at Florence, and "The Virgin of the Rocks," in the British National gallery. His great painting of the "Lord's Supper" was finished in 1490. The original has been wholly defaced; but, judging from copies, this work is universally regarded as one of the greatest ever produced. In 1490 he painted his celebrated portrait of Mona Lisa del Giocondo. In 1507 he painted a Madonna and child.

His extant works are few, and some of those attributed to him are believed to have been executed by his pupils. He died May 2, 1519.

Moths That Eat Your Clothes.

The little clothes moth is grayish-yellow. It is not the winged moth that eats up clothing. The caterpillar is the real perpetrator of all the damage done to garments. All the flying moth does is lay eggs, for it has no mouth for food. But the winged moth is the source of mischief "higher up" for its eggs hatch hungry little worms. They are fancy little worms that eat our clothes, for each lives in a little case or jacket adapted to its growth in a curious way. Without leaving its case the clothes worm makes silts and inserts gores on the sides and also lengthens its jacket to meet its needs. The fresh material needed comes from the clothing wool, fur or feathers on or near which the crafty moth has laid its almost invisible eggs for this very purpose.—Exchange.

His Handicap.

On his first visit he looked around for a possible partner at a game and approached a stout gentleman whose deportment suggested social standing. "Certainly, sir," replied the latter in answer to the newcomer's invitation. Then, as they approached the first tee, he went on: "By the way, I'm a four man. What are you?"

The novice was startled, but after a minute's consideration he said: "Foreman, are ye? Well, I'm a straw hat manufacturer."—Beck's Weekly.

When Jackson Dined.

When Colonel Davy Crockett was a member of congress and was at his home in Tennessee some one asked him about the dinner hour in Washington. He said the common people ate dinner at 12, the next above them at 1, the merchants at 2, the representatives at 3, the senators at 4, members of the cabinet at 5 and the vice president at 6. "But when does the president dine?" "What! Old Hickory?" said Crockett, anxious to fix a time that would suit his idea of Jackson's greatness. "Well, he doesn't eat till next day!"

Removing Stumps.

The German method of removing stumps is simpler and less dangerous than our way. They bore a hole in the stump and pour into it equal parts of nitric and sulphuric acids. After a few weeks the largest stumps of hard wood are eaten by the acid and easily crumbled with a pick.—New York Times.

Kept His Word.

Condemned Murderer (to lawyer)—You said you could get me off with a life sentence, and here I am to be electrocuted in a week. Lawyer—That's all right. You will be imprisoned for life, won't you? And only a month, instead of long, weary years. Be reasonable, man.—Boston Traveler.

His Cure.

A man who married a widow has invented a device to cure her of eternally praising her former husband. Whenever she begins to decant on his noble qualities, this ingenious No. 2 merely says, "Poor, dear man—how I do wish he had not died!"

A Waiting Mansion.

Perhaps there is a mansion in heaven that will always be empty—a mansion waiting to receive those who in their youth never snubbed their anxious parents.—J. J. Bell.

Naturally.

Teacher—In the sentence I have just read, "In the sentence I have just read," is a noun. Why? Observe! Pupil—Because it is a part of speech.—Baltimore American.

MARKED INCREASE IN DEATHS FROM HEART DISEASE

But There Was Decrease in Deaths from Tuberculosis Throughout United States—Lowest Rate on Record for Pneumonia.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19.—According to a preliminary announcement with reference to mortality in 1914, issued by Director Sam. L. Rogers, of the bureau of the census, department of commerce, and compiled by Richard C. Lippin, chief statistician for vital statistics, more than 30 per cent of the 898,059 deaths reported for that year in the "registration area," which contained about two-thirds of the population of the entire United States, were due to three causes—heart diseases, tuberculosis and pneumonia—and more than 60 per cent to 11 causes—the three just named, together with Bright's disease and nephritis, cancer, diphtheria and enteritis, apoplexy, arterial diseases, diphtheria, diabetes and typhoid fever.

The deaths from heart diseases (organic diseases of the heart and endocarditis) in the registration area in 1914 numbered 99,334, or 10.8 per 100,000 population. The death or mortality rate from this cause shows a marked increase as compared with 1900, when it was only 12.3 per 100,000.

Tuberculosis in its various forms claimed 96,908 victims in 1914, of which number 84,306 died from tuberculosis of the lungs (including acute military tuberculosis). As a result of a more general understanding of the laws of health, the importance of fresh air, etc., due in part, no doubt, to the efforts of the various societies for the prevention of tuberculosis, there has been a most marked and gratifying decrease during recent years in the mortality from this scourge of civilization. In only a decade—from 1904 to 1914—the death rate from tuberculosis in all its forms fell from 20.7 to 14.6 per 100,000, the decline being continuous from year to year. This is a drop of more than 25 per cent. Prior to 1904 the rate had fluctuated, starting at 20.9 in 1900. Even yet, however, tuberculosis has the gruesome distinction of causing more deaths annually than any other form of bodily illness except heart diseases, and over 40 per cent more than all external causes—accidents, homicides and suicides combined.

Pneumonia (including bronchopneumonia) was responsible for 83,804 deaths in the registration area in 1914, or 12.7 per 100,000—the lowest rate on record. The mortality rate from this disease, like that from tuberculosis, has shown a marked decline since 1900, when it was 18.05 per 100,000. Its fluctuations from year to year, however, have been pronounced, whereas the decline in the rate for tuberculosis has been nearly continuous.

The only remaining death rate higher than 100 per 100,000 in 1914 was that for Bright's disease and acute nephritis, 102.4. The total number of deaths due to these maladies in 1914 was 67,545, more than nine-tenths of which were caused by Bright's disease and the remainder by acute nephritis. The mortality from these two causes increased from 89 per 100,000 in 1900 to 103.4 in 1905, since which year it has fluctuated somewhat.

Next in order of deadliness comes cancer and other malignant tumors, which filled 62,420 graves in 1914. Of these deaths, 19,889, or almost 38 per cent, resulted from cancers of the stomach and liver. The death rate from cancer has risen from 63 per 100,000 in 1900 to 79.4 in 1914. The increase has been almost continuous, there having been but two years—1906 and 1911—which showed a decline as compared with the years immediately preceding. It is possible that at least a part of this indicated increase is due to more accurate diagnoses and greater care on the part of physicians in making reports to registration officials.

Diphtheria and enteritis caused 52,407 deaths in 1914, or 79.4 per 100,000. This rate shows a marked falling off as compared with the rate for the preceding year, 90.2, and a very pronounced decline as compared with that for 1900, which was 133.2. Nearly five-sixths of the total number of deaths charged to these causes in 1914 were of infants under two years of age.

Apoplexy was the cause of 51,272 deaths, or 77.7 per 100,000. The rate from this malady has increased gradually, with occasional slight declines, since 1900, when it stood at 67.5.

Arterial diseases of various kinds—atherosclerosis, aneurism, etc.—caused 15,044 deaths, or 22.8 per 100,000, in the registration area.

No epidemic disease produced a death rate as high as 18 per 100,000 in 1914. The fatal cases of diphtheria and croup—which are classed together in the statistics, but practically all of which are of diphtheria—numbered 11,786, or 17.9 per 100,000, in that year, the rate having fallen from 43.3 in 1900. This decline of nearly 50 per cent is relatively greater than that shown by any other important cause of death. The rate has not fallen continuously, but has fluctuated somewhat from year to year.

Diabetes was the cause of 10,666 deaths, or 16.2 per 100,000. The rate from this disease has risen almost continuously from year to year since 1900, when it was 9.7 per 100,000.

The mortality rate from typhoid fever has shown a most gratifying decline since 1900, having decreased from 3.59 per 100,000 in that year to 1.54 in 1914, or by 57 per cent. This decline has been almost as great, relatively, as that for diphtheria, and has been greater than that for any other principal cause of death. The total number of deaths due to typhoid fever in 1914 was 10,185. The

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Whooping Cough, Measles and Scarlet Fever.

The principal epidemic maladies of childhood—whooping cough, measles and scarlet fever—were together responsible for no fewer than 15,617 deaths of both adults and children, or 23.7 per 100,000, in the registration area in 1914, the rates for the three diseases separately being 10.3, 6.8 and 6.6, respectively. In 1913 measles caused a greater mortality than either of the other diseases, but in 1914 whooping cough had first place. In every year since and including 1910, as well as in several preceding years, measles has caused a greater number of deaths than the much more dreaded scarlet fever. The mortality rates for all three of these diseases fluctuate greatly from year to year. The rates for measles and scarlet fever in 1914 were the lowest in 13 years, while that for whooping cough was considerably above the lowest recorded rate for this disease 6.5 in 1904, although far below the highest, 15.8 in 1903.

Railway and Street Car Accidents.

Deaths due to railway accidents and injuries totaled 7,062, or 10.7 per 100,000. This number includes fatalities resulting from collisions between railway trains and vehicles at grade crossings. The death rate from railway accidents and injuries is the lowest on record and shows a most marked and gratifying decline as compared with the rate for 1913, which was 13 per 100,000, and a still more pronounced drop from the average for the five-year period 1906-1910, which was 15 per 100,000.

Deaths resulting from street car accidents and injuries numbered 1,073, or 2.5 per 100,000. This rate, like that for

railway fatalities, is the lowest on record and shows a material falling off as compared with 1913, when it was 3.5, and as compared with the average for the five-year period 1906-1910, which was 3.7.

Suicides.

The number of suicides reported in 1914 was 10,933, or 16.6 per 100,000 population. Of this number, 3,286 accomplished self-destruction by the use of firearms, 3,000 by poison, 1,552 by hanging or strangulation, 1,418 by asphyxia, 658 by the use of knives or other cutting or piercing instruments, 619 by drowning, 225 by jumping from high places, 89 by crushing, and 85 by other methods.

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At a probate court, holden at Montpelier, within and for said district, on the 4th day of January, 1916, an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Jannette Cunningham, late of Cabot, in said district, deceased, was presented to the court aforesaid, for probate.

And it is ordered by said court that the 25th day of January, 1916, at the probate office in said Montpelier, be assigned for proving said instrument; and that notice thereof be given to all persons concerned, by publishing this order three weeks successively in the Barre Daily Times, a newspaper circulating in that vicinity, in said district, previous to the time appointed.

Therefore you are hereby notified to appear before said court, at the time and place aforesaid, and contest the probate of said will, if you have cause.

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